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	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	<b>Application Number</b>	10/065,436
	<b>Filing Date</b>	October 17, 2002
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3761
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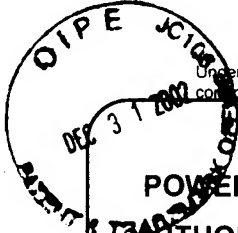
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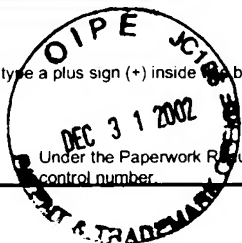
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